IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Presently Amended) An assembly for generating foam, the assembly comprising:

a housing defining a chamber with a first orifice and a second orifice;

a fan arranged within the housing to draw a flow of air into the chamber through the first orifice and to exhaust the flow of air through the second orifice to form an exhausted flow of air;

a nozzle arranged within the chamber and situated in proximity to the second orifice to allow introduction of a fluid into the exhausted flow of air through the second orifice; and

a sock, the sock ~~being~~ including a permeable felt textile, the felt textile having an inner surface and an outer surface, and being arranged to occlude the second orifice in a manner to receive the exhausted flow of air with the fluid at the inner surface.

2. (Original) The assembly of Claim 1, further comprising a dam arranged within the chamber to influence the exhausted flow of air in a manner to enhance the introduction of the fluid.

3. (Original) The assembly of Claim 1, wherein the fan is a squirrel cage blower.

4. (Original) The assembly of Claim 1, wherein the fluid is a surfactant, such that the exhausted flow of air is received into the sock to generate a foam at the outer surface.

5. (Original) The assembly of Claim 1, wherein the housing includes a shield being arranged to prevent the generated foam from flowing into the first orifice.

6. through 8. (Cancelled)

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9. through 20. (Withdrawn)

21. (New) An assembly for generating foam, the assembly comprising:

a housing defining a chamber with a first orifice and a second orifice, the housing configured to include a shield being arranged to prevent generated foam from flowing into the first orifice;

a fan arranged within the housing to draw a flow of air into the chamber through the first orifice and to exhaust the flow of air through the second orifice to form an exhausted flow of air;

a nozzle arranged within the chamber and situated in proximity to the second orifice to allow introduction of a fluid into the exhausted flow of air through the second orifice; and

a sock, the sock being permeable, having an inner surface and an outer surface, and being arranged to occlude the second orifice in a manner to receive the exhausted flow of air with the fluid at the inner surface.

22. (New) The assembly of Claim 21, further comprising a dam arranged within the chamber to influence the exhausted flow of air in a manner to enhance the introduction of the fluid.

23. (New) The assembly of Claim 21, wherein the fan is a squirrel cage blower.

24. (New) The assembly of Claim 21, wherein the fluid is a surfactant, such that the exhausted flow of air is received into the sock to generate a foam at the outer surface.

25. (New) The assembly of Claim 21, wherein the sock includes a fabric.

26. (New) The assembly of Claim 25, wherein the fabric is a woven textile.

27 (New). The assembly of Claim 25, wherein the fabric is a felt textile.

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